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**REPLY/AMENDMENT
FEE TRANSMITTAL**

		Attorney Docket No.	826.1763	
		Application Number	09/971,959	
		Filing Date	October 9, 2001	
		First Named Inventor	Isao NAMBA	
		Group Art Unit	2151	
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	214.00	Examiner Name	Jean B. Fleurantin	

FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	29	- 28 =	1	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 18.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	15	- 14 =	1	X \$ 86.00 =	86.00
Since an Official Action set an original due date of April 2, 2004, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5					110.00
If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$330.00)					
If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110.00)					
Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)					
Total of above Calculations =					\$ 214.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)					
TOTAL FEES DUE =					\$ 214.00

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 (2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".
 (4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".
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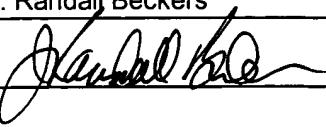
Check enclosed as payment.
 Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below.
 No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically required to obtain a filing date).

GENERAL AUTHORIZATION

If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to:
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The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Isao NAMBA

Serial No. 09/971,959

Group Art Unit: 2172

Confirmation No. 4104

Filed: October 9, 2001

Examiner: Jean B. Fleurantin

For: RETRIEVAL APPARATUS, RETRIEVAL METHOD AND RETRIEVAL PROGRAM

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on April 2, 2004. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to May 2, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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